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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 959 (Switalski)

Senate Bill 959 would provide for a one-time transfer of \$15.0 million of the unreserved balance of the Land Survey and Remonumentation Fund to the General Fund.

- **The Senate concurs with the House amendments to SB 959 [RC 119: 22 yes, 15 no].**

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 1035 (Prusi)

Senate Bill 1035 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to include a person hauling and transporting wood harvesting equipment in the definition of "wood harvester" for the purposes of vehicle registration taxation. The term "wood harvester" includes the person or persons hauling and transporting raw materials in the form produced at the harvest site. Under the bill, the term also would include the person or persons hauling and transporting wood harvesting equipment. The bill specifies that the term would not include a person or people whose primary activity is tree-trimming or landscaping. Apparently, some drivers transporting wood harvesting equipment in the southern part of the State have been cited for improper use of the wood harvester license plate. To ensure that people hauling such equipment are treated the same throughout the State, it has been suggested that they be included explicitly in the definition of "wood harvester".

- *Committee S-1 was adopted*
- *SB 1035 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills*
- **SB 1035 was passed with IE [RC 121: 37 yes, 0 no].**

SB 1047 (Basham)

Senate Bill 1047 would amend the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) Act to allow an application for a NEZ certificate to be filed after a building permit was issued in a specific

circumstance. Under the bill, an application could be filed after a building permit was issued for the construction of a facility if all of the following were met: The area in which the facility was located was designated as a NEZ by the governing body of the local governmental unit in August 2003. The building permit for that facility was issued in June 2004. The application for the certificate for that facility was filed with the local governmental unit in October 2004.

- *Basham 1 was adopted.*
- *SB 1047 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills*
- **SB 1047 was passed with IE [RC 120: 37 yes, 0 no].**

HB 5494 (Pavlov)

House Bill 5494 would bring the law concerning bus transportation for school students into conformity with federal laws and rules, as well as with the Michigan Vehicle Code. This bill should be enacted into law in order to better ensure student safety. A three-year review that involved all stakeholders, including parents, members of the Pupil Transportation Advisory Committee, the Department of Education, the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Association of Pupil Transportation, the Michigan School Business Association, the Office of the Secretary of State, and the Michigan Department of Transportation has produced recommended changes to the Pupil Transportation Act that would clarify its language and ensure its compliance with federal laws and rules, as well as with the Michigan Vehicle Code.

- *Allan 1a was adopted.*
- *Committee S-1 was adopted*
- *HB 5494 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills*
- **HB 5494 was passed with IE [RC 122: 37 yes, 0 no].**

HB 5675 (Baxter)

House Bill 5675 calls for reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy of school employees' conviction reports when they are issued by the Michigan Department of Education; revises disclosure requirements for conviction reports under the Freedom of Information Act; and defines the term "regularly and continuously work under contract in a school." This bill would ensure more accuracy in the comparison of the databases that list registered school personnel and known criminals. In addition, only felony and sex-related crimes would be made public. Finally, the would narrow the list of contractors subject to fingerprint checks to those who have continual contact with students, offering services such as food, custodial, transportation, instructional, counseling, or administrative services.

- *Committee S-1 was adopted*
- *HB 5675 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills*
- **Jelinek 1 was adopted [no RC].**
- **Jelinek 2 was adopted [no RC].**
- **Jelinek 3 was withdrawn.**
- **Bishop 4 was withdrawn.**
- **Switalski 5 was withdrawn.**

- Bishop 6 was adopted [no RC].
- Switalski 7 was adopted [no RC].
- SB 5675 was passed with IE [RC 123: 37 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING OF BILLS

SB 403 (Toy)

Senate Bill 403 would amend the Public Health Code to provide for the licensure of nutritionists and dietitians. The bill would do all of the following: Prohibit a person from engaging in the practice of dietetics and nutrition or providing dietetics and nutrition care services without a license. Require the Department of Community Health (DCH) to issue a dietitian and nutritionist license to an applicant who met the criteria for licensure contained in rules promulgated under Part 183a, and paid the required fees. Allow the DCH to issue a temporary license to a person who did not meet all of the bill's requirements, under certain circumstances. Establish a \$20 application processing fee, a \$75 annual license fee, and a \$75 annual temporary license fee. Require the DCH to promulgate rules establishing qualifications for licensure, a complaint process, and penalties. Prohibit a person from calling himself or herself a dietitian and nutritionist, or using certain other titles, without being licensed. Create the Michigan Board of Dietetics and Nutrition within the DCH.

- SB 403 was moved to 3rd Reading of Bills [no Amendments].